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Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP)

The communitywide coalition of public health partners, sponsored by the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, released five strategic issues pertaining to the overall health of Boone County. Strategic issues are fundamental policy choices or critical challenges that must be addressed for a community to achieve its vision.

1. How do we prevent crime and promote safe and healthy neighborhoods where people live, work and play?
2. How do we create a community and environment which provides access, opportunities and encouragement for healthy lifestyles?
3. How can we increase access to and utilization of comprehensive health services?
4. How do we address the root causes of health disparities to ensure health equity?
5. How do we reduce risky behaviors and the stigma associated with behavioral health?

As a part of the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process, work groups surrounding each issue were formed and tasked with drafting goals and strategies to address the strategic issue areas. In coming weeks, the development of a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), containing the goals and strategies previously identified, will begin to lay out practical work plans to be implemented later this year.



Tons of Trucks

New location, same great event!

Come to the Target parking lot at Columbia Mall for this year's Tons of Trucks, which will be held from 4-7 p.m. April 2. Kids will have the chance to see trucks of all types. There is no admission charge. It is open to the public and held rain or shine! For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

Renewable Energy Conference

The ninth annual Advancing Renewables in the Midwest conference is being held at the University of Missouri April 8. Speakers will address issues surrounding programs, policies and projects that are at the forefront of renewable energy. Select topics include: community solar, Kansas City's "Green Impact Zone", tracking carbon neutrality and trends in bio-based. The conference is hosted by Columbia Water & Light, the University of Missouri Atmospheric Sciences department and the Missouri Department of Economic Development - Division of Energy.

For more information about the conference, visit AdvancingRenewables.org.

Advancing Renewables
IN THE MIDWEST

Cleanup Columbia will be held April 12



Cleanup Columbia, the annual citywide trash pickup event, is set for Saturday, April 12! Put it on your calendar and get your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers together to help give Columbia a spring cleaning. Volunteers will pick up litter along streets and trails and in parks and streams. The City of Columbia will help you find a cleanup location and provide all the supplies you need.

A special partnership with Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) has been formed this year to help neighborhoods. Let the City know if you are interested in helping or know a Columbia resident who could use help. Your input is also requested to help locate areas where trash pickup is needed.

To get involved with Cleanup Columbia, visit the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com or contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499.

Flight added to Chicago O'Hare

We all like options. Beginning April 2, fliers from Columbia Regional Airport (COU) will have another option when flying to or from Chicago O'Hare. American Airlines will add a nonstop daily early morning and late evening flight between COU and ORD. Learn more at FlyMidMo.com!



Street Talk

It's been a roller coaster ride with temperatures this winter, and many motorists are seeing and feeling the effects of winter weather on roads: potholes! Water seeping into cracks in the pavement freezes and thaws, and eventually, can cause sections of the driving surface to deteriorate. Snow plow blades can catch on those deteriorated areas and make them worse.

Until winter is over and warmer temperatures arrive, Public Works crews will temporarily repair potholes. They will make permanent repairs in the spring.

Help Public Works identify the location of potholes by reporting them. Temporary repairs will be made as soon as possible. Until winter is over, new potholes may continue to develop. Report potholes via **GoColumbiaMo.com** by hovering over the "Report problems" link in the left margin and clicking "Report a pothole" or by calling 874-6289.

Crime reporting data shows violent crime numbers are down

The 2013 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data for Columbia shows violent crime has decreased since 2012 and is at the lowest total index in the past 20 years. In the violent crime category, robbery is at the lowest index since 2003 and aggravated assault is at the lowest total index in the last 20 years.

The number of rapes reported increased from 2012. Since the FBI definition of rape reporting changed Jan. 1, 2013, and is inclusive of other sexual crimes, it is difficult to compare the 2012 and 2013 numbers in this category without a more in-depth breakdown to see if there was an actual increase.

The UCR numbers show a slight increasing trend in property crimes since 2006. Burglaries have decreased for the second year in a row. There are still spikes at the beginning of the college semester and during breaks. Larcenies had a 6 percent increase since 2012, mainly from shoplifting and thefts from unlocked motor vehicles.

The population number used for 2013 is listed the same as 2012. The population number will be provided for the 2013 year by the FBI later this year in its annual report. The population number is likely to increase, making the crime per 1,000 people slightly decrease for the 2013 report.

The Columbia Police Department, in partnership with the community, strives to build a safer Columbia and improve the quality of life for citizens. To view the UCR numbers, visit the Police Department crime statistics and mapping page of the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com/Police/Crime/Crime_Statistics.php. The Police Department's section of the City's website also offers information about how to help prevent crimes and assist in solving crimes.

Neighborhood Congress

On Jan. 9, the Office of Neighborhood Services sponsored a Neighborhood Congress at the Activities and Recreation Center. Attended by more than 70 people, the congress served as a focus group for the community to provide input on the City of Columbia's five-year consolidated plan. Participants discussed five important community development categories: economic development, fair housing, community facilities, neighborhood needs and affordable housing. Thanks to all who made the congress a success! If you would like more information about the consolidated plan, visit **GoColumbiaMo.com** and search "Consolidated Plan."

Parks and Recreation plans Easter events

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt: Kids are invited to bring flashlights and baskets to this annual event April 16 at the Riechmann Pavilion, Stephens Lake Park. Price is \$7 per child; pre-registration is required. Hunts will be organized by age: 7:45 p.m. for ages 3-5; 8 p.m. for ages 6-7; and 8:15 p.m. for ages 8-10. Call 874-7460 to register.

Easter "Egg"stravaganza: Bring your children (ages 12 and under) for a candy-filled Easter egg hunt from 12-1:15 p.m. April 19 at Douglass Park. There will be three hunts designated by age and other activities. The event is free; the hunts will begin at 12:45 p.m.

Summer work site partners needed

Make a difference while getting free labor! The City of Columbia's Career Awareness Related Experience (C.A.R.E.) Program provides real-world, hands-on experience for Columbia's at-risk youth. C.A.R.E.'s goal is for Columbia's youth to be ready to enter the workforce and become productive, self-sufficient citizens.

C.A.R.E. depends on partnerships with local businesses and agencies to provide work sites for the hands-on experience for its 14-19 year-old trainees. One hundred percent of the trainees' wages are paid by the City of Columbia through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Work site partners invest in the future by investing in youth, while receiving free labor. The youth trainees gain valuable experience and life skills while earning a paycheck.

If your business would like to become a work site partner, contact Ron Schmidt at rschmidt@GoColumbiaMo.com or 874-6377.

PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

April

2	Tons of Trucks, Target parking lot at Columbia Mall, 4-7 p.m., FREE
5	Kite Flying Day, Douglass Park Ballfield, 12-2 p.m., FREE
16	Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, Riechmann Pavilion, times vary by age, \$7, must pre-register
19	Egg Hunt EGGstravaganza, Douglass Park, 12-1:15 p.m., FREE
26	Hershey Track and Field Meet, Hickman High School, 9 a.m. check-in, FREE
27	Earth Day, Peace Park, 12-7 p.m., FREE

Renewable energy goal exceeded

Columbia's renewable energy mandate requires that 5 percent of the electric supply come from renewable resources. In 2013, Columbia Water & Light once again surpassed this goal by supplying 6.97 percent. The portfolio consisted of wind (3.22 percent), landfill gas (2.96 percent), biomass (0.75 percent) and solar (0.05 percent). A copy of the annual renewable energy report can be found on the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com.

The renewable energy ordinance, approved by voters in 2004, requires increasing amounts of electricity generated by renewable energy sources. The renewable energy ordinance was revised by the Columbia City Council earlier this year, increasing the percentage of required renewable energy from 10 percent to 15 percent by 2018 and from 15 percent to 25 percent by 2023 and setting a new goal of 30 percent by 2029.

As outlined in the renewable energy ordinance, the cost cannot cause electric rates to increase more than 3 percent. For calendar year 2013, the additional cost for the renewable portfolio was \$1,200,609 and the limit was \$3,253,064. The extra money spent on renewable energy was 36.9 percent of what was allowed according to the ordinance. There were no electric rate increases in the 2014 City of Columbia budget.

BIO
MASS
0.75%

S O L A R
0.05%

WIND
3.22%

LAND
FILL
GAS
2.96%



Robert & AnaLee Shatlain

Volunteers of the Month — Robert & AnaLee Shatlain

Not long after the Shatlain family moved to Columbia, Robert, a former Army sergeant, volunteer firefighter and paramedic, began volunteering for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). His youngest daughter, 17 year-old AnaLee, began questioning him about what he was learning.

"It sounded so exciting," AnaLee said. "I sat in on a couple of classes, decided to join and am now a full-fledged CERT member."

As the youngest CERT member in Columbia, AnaLee is also involved with Columbia Fire Department's Explorer program. She looks forward to her 18th birthday when she can join the Elk's club, where her dad serves as the public education chair, and the Red Cross, where he volunteers on the Disaster Team.

In the past year, Robert has volunteered more than 200 hours with CERT. AnaLee joined CERT in July and has volunteered more than 90 hours. Robert won the CERT Rookie of the Year Award in 2013.

"I like preparing for disasters so that when they happen we can quickly help people," Robert says.

"It's great to have my dad in CERT because it has bonded us in a different way," AnaLee said. "I know he always has my back, and I have his."

To learn more about volunteering with the City, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Written by volunteer Theresa Nelson

Development Code Update Project

As an outgrowth of the newly adopted comprehensive plan for the City, Columbia Imagined: The Plan for How We Live and Grow, the City has hired Clarion Associates and Ferrell Madden Associates to prepare a comprehensive update of its land development codes, including but not limited to the zoning ordinance (Chapter 29) and subdivision regulations (Chapter 25). This 24-month project will also evaluate current land use regulations for the downtown area, which may be replaced or supplemented by form-based controls that emphasize the consistency of the urban form and allow more flexible mixes of uses in that area. All land use regulations will be integrated and illustrated to incorporate best practices, to improve user-friendliness, to guide more consistent decision-making and to simplify administration. To learn more and provide input, visit the Community Development page of the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com.

Try budget billing!

Sign up for the City's budget billing program and you can make the same payment every month. To qualify, you need to have lived at your current residence for longer than 12 months so your monthly payment can be calculated. Every March, your account will be reviewed to see if you have overpaid or underpaid, and adjustments will be made accordingly. To sign up, use the tear-off flap of your return envelope or call 874-7380. Enrollment for budget billing is only done during March.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: April 4 at 5 p.m.

- Airport Advisory Board
Board of Adjustment Downtown
Columbia Leadership Council
Planning and Zoning Commission

Application deadline: May 9 at 5 p.m.

- Board of Plumbing Examiners
Columbia Housing Authority Board
Environment and Energy Commission
Parks and Recreation Commission

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

Web Page Did You Know?

Did you know you can report building code and other violations online? Visit GoColumbiaMo.com/problem-reporting.php.



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